



Board of County Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Salem County Olde Courthouse, 104 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Director Laury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

INVOCATION – CFO Kelly Hannigan offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – This was read by the Clerk of the Board, Stacy L. Pennington.

Adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting:

- By forwarding notice to the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times Co.; and
- By posting notice on the bulletin board in the Salem County Courthouse and the Fifth Street Office Complex; and
- By filing notice in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Director Benjamin Laury	X	
Commissioner Griscom	X	
Commissioner Ed Ramsay	X	
Deputy Director Gordon Ostrum	X	
Commissioner Lee Ware	X	

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

Dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 2, 2022, Regular Meeting. Minutes are to be received, approved, and recorded in the Minute Book.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Women's History Month – Loretta Elwell

Director Laury read a proclamation for Women's History Month and presented it to Loretta Elwell, Chair of the Salem County Commission on Women.

Director Laury also noted Miranda McCeig from the Elmer Times in attendance. He is disappointed in lack of coverage by other media and thanked her and the Elmer Times for faithfully covering the meetings.

WAIVER OF THE RULES - None**PUBLIC HEARINGS & ADOPTIONS** - None**CORRESPONDENCE** – General and Committee/ Commission Minutes and Reports

1. Letter from Lolly Finocchiaro Opposing New Fracked Gas Power Plant in the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark NJ
2. Morris County Resolution supporting Senate Bill S1200
3. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2022
4. Letter from Sandra Mead APN-BC opposing EO283
5. SCIA Meeting from March 10, 2022

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

All bills and claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charge to their respective accounts.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that it be spread full and complete upon the minutes.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: - Laury, Griscom

- A1 Resolution Appointing Members to the Salem County Commission on Women – Phyllis B. Martin and Elizabeth McKinley
- A2 Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds
- A3 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of a Lease Agreement Between Salem County and Salem Community College
- A4 Resolution Rejecting Various Proposals Submitted for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A5 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Medical Director for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A6 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Nurse Practitioner for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A7 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Physician Assistant for the Salem County Correctional Facility
- A8 Resolution Adding Appropriations to the 2022 Temporary Budget in Accordance with NJSA 40A:4-19.1
- A9 Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services Between Dr. Robert Smick and the Salem County Office on Aging & Disabilities for COVID-19 Educational Sessions

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

AGRICULTURAL / TOURISM COMMITTEE – Ware, Griscom - None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Ramsay, Ostrum

- C1 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Fourth Amendment to the Application for State Aid to Counties Under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2019 County Aid Improvement Program
- C2 Resolution Requesting an Extension of Time for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2020 Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant
- C3 Resolution Approving Agreements Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act with Pennsville Township for Installation of Flashing Stop Signs at the Intersection of Hook

Road, County Road #551 and Churchtown Road, a Local Road, and at the Intersection of Hook Road, County Road #551 and Mahoney Road, a Local Road

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay	X		X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum			X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

HEALTH/ HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Ostrum, Ware

D1 Resolution Accepting and Executing the Private Well Outreach 2022 Grant

D2 Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-243 Accepting and Executing the Covid-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding Grant

D3 Resolution Supporting an Application with the New Jersey Department of Health for the COVID-19 Vaccination Program 2022 Activity C Grant

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom			X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware		X	X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Griscom, Ostrum

E1 Resolution of the Salem County Board of County Commissioners Approving Submission of a Grant Application by the Prosecutor's Office for the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Administration Pursuant to the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) [VAWA-47-21]

E2 Resolution Approving Participation by the Salem County Prosecutor's Office with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families for the Child Advocacy MDT Grant

E3 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2021-404 to Accept and Execute CY2022 JDAI Grant Funding for the Salem County Youth Services Commission from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission Award #JDAI-22-IF-17

E4 Resolution Supporting the Application for RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2022 From the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County Salem

E5 Resolution Accepting RERP 966 Funds for Fiscal Year 2022 from the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety for the County of Salem

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

CHAPTER 159 TO INSERT REVENUE IN THE BUDGET - None

COMMISSIONER OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Ostrum noted a few upcoming events in the County:

- COVID testing...results have shown continuing improvement in COVID numbers, and testing continues at locations throughout Salem County.
- The VFW in Elsinboro and also the VFW in Penns Grove will be hosting Ham & Cabbage dinners on Thursday, 3/17/22.
- The International Flameworking Conference is being held this weekend at the Salem Community College Glass Center.
- FREE Paper Shredding event will be held at Salem County Improvement Authority for all Salem County residents on 3/19/22.
- FREE Hazardous Waste collection will be held at Salem County Improvement Authority for all Salem County residents on 4/19/22.
- Best of Salem County awards will be announced at an event on May 5, 2022, at the Salem County Fairgrounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items or other County Business)

Anyone wishing to speak please speak clearly and state your name and address for the record. Each speaker will have FOUR MINUTES to speak. The Clerk of the Board (COB) will keep track of the time for each speaker. When addressing questions concerning personnel issues with the County of Salem no names will be used at any time.

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point

Ms. Bomba wanted to note a few items:

- Penns Grove will have a food giveaway and leader recognition on Saturday, March 19.
- Save the date: Habitat for Humanity will have a 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Salem Oak Winery on October 10, 2022. More information to be announced shortly.
- Habitat for Humanity is offering "Sponsor A Stud" for a May 7, 2022 Women's Build.

Ms. Bomba also asked if there is a way to have services for the homeless streamlined, as it seems difficult to navigate right now.

Deputy Director Ostrum said he will follow-up on this.

Finally, the Clerk of the Board, Stacy Pennington, wanted to make sure Ms. Bomba is aware that there are funds budgeted for building access ramps and to support the Pennsville Challenger League, as these are issues Ms. Bomba has noted in the past. Ms. Bomba was aware of this.

Nelson Carney, Mannington

Mr. Carney has heard rumors that the Road Dept. supervisor might not be re-appointed. He feels this would be a mistake.

Mr. Carney feels the hiring system needs to be changed. He feels diversity training is needed for racism in the workplace. Mr. Carney invited the Commissioners to visit the Roads Dept. to see it in person.

Brian Pio, Lower Alloways Creek (via Facebook)

Mr. Pio had three questions:

- What proposals involving the jail were rejected in A4 of the agenda?
County Counsel, Karin Wood, noted the rejected proposals were for Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, and Medical Physician. Immediately following that Resolution, there were Resolutions for contracts for these positions were immediately filled.
- Does the Board support our military troops?
Director Laury said "Absolutely."
- Please explain why you recently voted and approved a policy change that makes military servicemen and women use their vacation days or go without pay when they are called to serve their country?
Director Laury noted: that question is part of a grievance and cannot be answered.

NEXT MEETING DATE - April 6, 2022 6:00 pm

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – 6:25 pm

G1 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session County of Salem (raises for elected officials)

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

End Executive Closed Session – 7:25 pm

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom		X	X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum	X		X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Griscom	X		X			
Commissioner Ramsay			X			
Commissioner Ware			X			
Deputy Director Ostrum		X	X			
Director Laury			X			

Hand vote passed 5-0